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Old-Fashioned Christmas Fun in Coloma

COLOMA – Visitors can get in the holiday spirit with an 1850s celebration at “Christmas in Coloma” on Sunday, December 12, 2004 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park.

The State Park is located in Coloma on Highway 49 between Placerville and Auburn. The cost is \$7 per vehicle. Further information may be obtained by telephoning (530) 295-2162.

The event is filled with entertainment and activities for all ages, including holiday shopping, historic trade demonstrations, strolling musicians, 19th-century games, and wreath making. A visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus is the highlight of the day for kids – and snow is guaranteed!

Visitors will find one-of-a-kind gifts offered by more than 60 vendors and great food when it's time for a lunch or snack. The Park's historic buildings will also be open, with volunteers portraying townspeople in historically accurate dress and sharing the history of Coloma. Visitors can learn to pan for gold and make rope and see demonstrations of blacksmithing, spinning, weaving, and more.

The event is presented by the Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park and the Gold Discovery Park Association, a nonprofit organization whose mission it is to promote the interpretation and conservation of the Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park.

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